

CHAP. 409.—An Act To authorize appropriations for construction at the Pacific Branch, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles County, California, and for other purposes.

April 23, 1928.
[H. R. 6990.]
[Public, No. 300.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$2,100,000 to be expended for the construction and installment at the Pacific Branch, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles County, California, of twelve barrack buildings and utilities and appurtenances thereto.

Approved, April 23, 1928.

Volunteer Soldiers' Home.
Amount authorized for barracks, etc., Santa Monica Branch, Calif.

CHAP. 410.—An Act To authorize the payment of certain taxes to Okanogan County, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

April 23, 1928.
[H. R. 431.]
[Public, No. 301.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Okanogan County, in the State of Washington, as taxes claimed by said county under section 2 of the Act of July 1, 1892, relating to the payment of local taxes on allotted Colville Indian lands, the sum of \$77,435.31: *Provided*, That there may be deducted from said amount by the Secretary of the Interior such sum or sums as he may find to have been paid to said county for Indian tuition; also the excess, if any, where the rate based on the value of Indian allotments may be found to be in excess of the rate on taxable land.

Okanogan County, Wash.
Payment authorized of taxes on trust allotted Colville Indian lands in.
Vol. 27, p. 63.

Proviso.
Deductions.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$77,435.31, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of said sum to said county, as provided in the foregoing section: *Provided*, That the payment of such authorized appropriation to the said Okanogan County, in the State of Washington, shall be in full settlement of all claims arising under and at any time after the passage of the Act of July 1, 1892 (Twenty-seventh Statutes, pages 62, 63).

Amount authorized to be appropriated.
Post, p. 898.

Proviso.
Payment a full settlement of all claims.

Approved, April 23, 1928.

CHAP. 411.—An Act For the relief of certain Porto Rican taxpayers.

April 23, 1928.
[S. 754.]
[Public, No. 302.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if in any suit pending March 4, 1927, but since abated or dismissed solely by reason of the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to amend and reenact sections 3, 20, 31, 33, 38, and 48 of the Act of March 2, 1917, entitled 'An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes,' as amended by an Act approved June 7, 1924, and for the insertion of a new section in said Act between sections 5 and 6 of said Act, to be designated as '5a' of said Act," approved March 4, 1927, the taxpayer had prior to such date obtained an injunction restraining the assessment or collection of any tax imposed by the laws of Porto Rico after trial on the merits in the District Court of the United States for Porto Rico, or if in any such suit on appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the first circuit the right of any taxpayer to an injunction restraining the assessment or collection of any tax imposed by the laws of Porto Rico had been decreed, the treasurer of Porto Rico shall enforce the collection of the tax so enjoined or decreed by a suit at law instead of by attachment, embargo, distraint, or any

Porto Rico.
Taxpayers having enjoined collection of tax by summary seizure, to have right of collection decreed by action at law.
Vol. 44, p. 1418.

Time limits for bringing suits.

other form of summary administrative proceeding. Notwithstanding the provisions of any existing statute of limitations, any such suit may be instituted at any time not later than one year after the approval of this Act.

Approved, April 23, 1928.

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[S. 2858.]

[Public, No. 303.]

CHAP. 412.—An Act To authorize the use of certain public lands by the town of Parco, Wyoming, for a public aviation field.

Public lands.
Lease of, to Parco,
Wyo., for aviation field.

Provisos.
Term and rental.

Mineral deposits reserved.

Maintenance, etc.,
by town.

Unrestricted Federal
use for aircraft structures, etc.

Absolute Government
control in case of
emergency, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to lease, subject to valid existing rights, to the incorporated town of Parco, Wyoming, the south half of section 12, township 21 north, range 86 west of the sixth principal meridian, for the establishment and maintenance of a public aviation field: *Provided*, That said lease shall be for a period of twenty years, and shall be subject to renewal for a like period, on condition that the town officials pay to the United States Government a rental of \$1 per annum for the use of said land: *Provided further*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all gas, oil, coal, and other mineral deposits found in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *And provided further*, That the mayor and council of Parco shall, in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, agree to assume the expense of clearing and maintaining the aviation field, and shall also agree that Government departments and agencies operating aircraft shall always have free and unrestricted use of said field and the right to erect and install upon said land such structures and improvements as the heads of such departments and agencies may deem advisable, including facilities for maintaining supplies of fuel, oil, and other materials for operating aircraft, and that in case of emergency, or in event it shall be deemed advisable, the Government of the United States may assume absolute control of the management and operation of said field for military purposes.

Approved, April 23, 1928.

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[S. 3104.]

[Public, No. 304.]

CHAP. 413.—An Act To establish the Bear River Migratory-Bird Refuge.

Bear River Migratory
Bird Refuge,
Utah.
Establishment of.

Lands, etc., to be acquired.
Post, pp. 895, 1186,
1210.

Lands to constitute
Bear River Migratory
Bird Refuge.

Breeding place for
migratory birds.
Vol. 39, 1702.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to construct, at Bear River Bay and vicinity, Utah, such dikes, ditches, spillways, buildings, and improvements as may be necessary, in his judgment, for the establishment of a suitable refuge and feeding and breeding grounds for migratory wild fowl; also to acquire, by purchase, gift, or lease, water rights and privately-owned lands, including the improvements thereon, deemed necessary by him for the purpose, or, in lieu of purchase, to compensate any owner for any damage sustained by reason of the submergence of his lands.

SEC. 2. That such lands, when acquired in accordance with the provisions of this Act, together with such lands of the United States as may be designated for the purpose by proclamations or Executive orders of the President, shall constitute the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and shall be maintained as a refuge and breeding place for migratory birds included in the terms of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, concluded August 16, 1916.